

SENATE BILL 615

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 7, relative to community
development programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 4-3-7__.

(a) Any municipality grossing one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less in revenues for all funds, including utilities, in the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be exempt from meeting the planning and infrastructure benchmark II requirements of the Three-Star community program. An exemption shall be granted by the department of economic and community development upon receipt of an application from a municipality demonstrating that the municipality meets the requirements of this subsection (a). A municipality granted an exemption by the department pursuant to this subsection (a) shall annually submit to the department an application for renewal demonstrating that the municipality continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

(b) No county shall be prevented from attaining an overall benchmark III status or downgraded from an overall benchmark III status solely because one (1) or more municipalities within such county have been exempted from meeting planning and infrastructure benchmark II requirements pursuant to this section.

(c) The department of economic and community development shall develop and publish an application form and a renewal form in accordance with the requirements of

this section. The department is authorized to establish and impose a reasonable fee for application and renewal to defray the cost of administering this section.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of promulgating rules and publishing forms, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.